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SUBJ: REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS (ROB) EXPERTS GROUP

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1. AT WEO MEETING JAN. 21 IT WAS DECIDED THAT THIS MONTH'S
CHAIRMAN, MCINTYRE (AUSTRALIA) WOULD PROTEST TO*SECRETARIAT
INADEQU*CY OF WEO REPRESENTA ION IN XPERTS GR UP ENVISAG D
FOR STUDY OF R B. IT WI*L BE POI *ED OUT T*AT PRINCIPLE
OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION SHOULD NOT BE FOLLOWED
IN NAMING OF EXPERTS OR CONSULTANTS, AND THAT EVEN IF
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IT WERE, THE PECULIAR NATURE OF THIS STUDY WHERE MILITARY BUDGETS OF PERMANENT SC MEMBERS WILL BE AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT OF THE STUDY, THOSE MEMBERS SHOULD NOT BE COUNTED IN DETERMINING REGIONAL QUOTA.

2. BELGIAN MISSION MINISTER MERENNE TOLD MISOFF JAN. 21 BELGIUM WOULD OFFER AN EXPERT IF REQUESTED BUT ONLY IF FRENCH DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE AND ONLY PURSUANT TO COMMON ECO POLICY. BELGIUM IS STILL SKEPTICAL ABOUT USEFULNESS OF THE STUDY. ITALIAN MISSION HAS INVITED ROME TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IF FRENCH AND UK AGREE TO DO SO, BUT HAS NO REPLY YET.

3. WE ARE INFORMING WEOS AS INSTRUCTED IN REFTTEL OF OUR INTENTIONS CONTINGENT ON FRANCE, UK AND JAPAN. IT IS NOW GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT FRENCH HOLD THE KEY TO WESTERN PARTICIPATION (APART FROM SWEDEN) DESPITE THE FACT THAT MCINTYRE DEMARCHE COULD BE CONSTRUED AS AN EXPRESSION OF SOME WEO INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN ANY CASE. UPON RETURN OF FRENCH MISSION COUNSELLOR SCALABRE JAN. 24 FROM CONSULTATIONS IN PARIS, WE MAY LEARN WHETHER THERE IS A CHANCE OF REVERSING PRESENT FRENCH NEGATIVE POSITION O * PARTICIPATION.

4. SWEDISH MISOFF TOLD US SWEDEN WILL DEFINITELY PARTICIPATE BU WILL NOT NAME ITS EXPERT UNTIL IT HAS READ REPORT SECRETAR*AT IS PREPARING ON THE SOVIET AND MEXICAN RESOLUTIONS TO BE SUPPLIE TO THE EXPERTS GROUP. SECRE ARIAT OFFICIAL HAS ONCE AGAIN HOWEVER CONFIRMED TO US THAT *TS REPORT FOR EXPERTS WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO DEFINE TERMS OF REFERENCE BUT WILL LEAVE THIS TO THE EXPERT* TO DECIDE.

5. IN OTHE* DEVELOPMENTS, *CCORDING TO SECRET*RIAT, BRAZIL HAS DECIDED NOT TO SEND AN EXPE*T; NO OTHER LA COUNTRY IS BEING THOUGHT OF YET* MEXICAN EXPERT ILL BE PROF. PLACIDO GARCIA REYNOSO. EGYPT I* BEING THOUGHT OF AS THE THIRD AFRICAN CANDIDATE BUT HAS NOT BEEN APPROACHED YET. (ETHIOPIA WILL PROVIDE ITS WASHINGTON AMBASSADOR EIFLE WODAJI, NIGERIA ITS WASHINGTON DEFENSE AND MILITARY ATTACHE COLONEL F.O. AISIDA.) BENNETT
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